

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1344

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Connie Dalton on her selection as Putnam County Schools Secondary Level Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Connie Dalton is one such estimable educator, and has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dalton was recently selected Secondary Level Teacher of the Year by Putnam County Schools, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; the award follows her being named Cookeville High School's Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Connie Dalton earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1976 and a Master of Arts degree in Education in 1979 from Tennessee Technological University; she also has received an Employment Standards in Computer Technology Certification and a Crippling and Special Health Certification from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dalton has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher of various levels and subjects for thirty-six exemplary years; she has taught high school, college, adult, and homebound students in such subjects as business, economics, accounting, computer applications, math, English, science, social studies, office management, typewriting, and office communications; and

WHEREAS, consistently standing as a leader throughout her twenty-six years in Putnam County Schools and twenty-one years at Cookeville High School, Connie Dalton has served as chair of the Business and Social Studies Departments, assisted in the mentoring of new

teachers, initiated the unique Virtual Enterprise International-Honors class, and implemented a safe communication tool for students to use email in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dalton is also active in her profession as a member of numerous professional associations, including the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the Putnam County Education Association, and the National Business Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Connie Dalton's admirable efforts also have earned her recognition as the 2007-2008 and 1992-1993 Cookeville High School Building Teacher of the Year and a nominee for State honors for the development of a personal economics program for high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dalton is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Connie Dalton truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, an integral member of her community, Mrs. Dalton also serves her fellow citizens as an award-winning Master Gardener VIP in the Putnam County Master Gardening Program, a Bible school teacher for more than thirty-one years, a church chaperone and youth activity leader, a team mother for numerous youth sports teams, a successful girls basketball coach, and a Girl Scout Troop Leader; and

WHEREAS, Connie Dalton truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Connie Dalton on being chosen as Secondary Level Teacher of the Year in Putnam County, commend her exceptional service to the children and citizens of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.